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63 LAKH & COUNTING AS PEOPLE RUSH TO FILE ITR ON SUNDAY

With the government refusing to extend the Sunday deadline, taxpayers scramble to file I-T returns to escape the late fees

OVER 5.73 CRORE RETURNS FILED SO FAR

About 5 lakh people filed their returns between 7 and 8 pm alone. As many as 5.1 crore people had filed I-T returns till June 30, according to official figures. In all, 6.8 crore people filed their income tax returns in the last fiscal year. The last-minute rush is to avoid penalty of ₹5,000, which people earning over ₹5 lakh a year must pay if they miss the deadline

EXPECT NO GRACE PERIOD, SAY EXPERTS

- Expecting a deadline rush and confusion among taxpayers, the I-T department kept its helpline number operational 24 hours
- The hashtag #Extend_Due_Date_Immediately has been trending on Twitter in recent days with several pleas for extension of the deadline. However, experts say there's unlikely to be an extension

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INTEREST TO BE PAID PER MONTH FOR DELAYED FILING

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GOLD JEREMY-NATION

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IT was wee hours on a wintry night in October four years ago. Most people in the salubrious hill station of Aizawl in Mizoram were asleep. But there was one house that was abuzz. The home of the Lalrinnunga family on the outskirts of Aizawl was milling with people. No, not to watch TV. The event was not live. Yet the family and friends followed the results of Jeremy Lalrinnunga at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. They were checking his results on phone and whatever devices they could get hold of. And they celebrated his gold in unison.

Four year later, on a balmy Sunday afternoon, the Lalrinnunga family's place was again abuzz. But this time everyone was glued to TV. The Commonwealth Games in Birmingham was live. Like in 2018, Jeremy didn't disappoint this time too. Of course the celebration was louder and more emotional.

The 19-year-old shattered two Games records (140kg in snatch and overall lift of 300kg in 67kg) on way to gold on debut.

"Everybody watched his performance on TV," Malsawma Khiangte, Jeremy's childhood coach told this daily. Like most journeys, Jeremy's was fraught with hurdles. In the last four years since the Youth Olympic medal, he had met his family only on a couple times. He last visited Aizawl in June 2020 during the height of pandemic. Even on reaching, he stayed at a sports training centre for 14 days away from family. But one thing he never missed was training.

After failing to qualify for Tokyo 2020, Jeremy battled injuries just before the CWG. He had a bad back injury earlier this year. Even during his event, he was grimacing in pain. He suffered a muscle pull that cast doubt over his gold medal haul. The anxiety of a teenager was visible.

"I completely blanked out and was clueless what was going on. I cried a lot (after the failed attempt in clean and jerk)," Jeremy said later. "I never followed the other lifters, it was painful. I asked the coach '*medal aya ke nahin*?' (did I get a medal?) Coach sir told me '*gold hai hamara*' ('you have won the gold)." He let out a loud yell. P13

JEREMY LALRINNUNGA

CRICKET

India beat Pakistan

Birmingham: India women's cricket team put up a ruthless performance to beat Pakistan by eight wickets and boost their chances of a semifinal berth at the Games on Sunday.

SQUASH

Joshna in quarters

Ace Indian squash player Joshna Chinappa outwitted New Zealand's Kaitlyn Watts 3-1 to progress to the women's squash singles quarterfinals. She faces Canada's Hollie Naughton next.

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Sen & Co in semis

Indian shuttlers are in the mixed team semis after 3-0 win over SA late on Sunday. Lakshya Sen, Aakarshi Kashyap and mixed pair of B Sumeeth Reddy & Ashwini Ponnappa sealed the deal.

It's Raut's turn to be detained by ED

House searched for 9 hrs after 6 am knock; Sena leader says it's a plot to weaken Thackeray group

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Sunday detained Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut after searching his residence for nine hours in connection with a money laundering scam. The ED also seized ₹11.50 lakh unaccounted cash and some documents from his bungalow.

The case against him is about the Patra Chawl redevelopment scam in Goregaon. The ED alleges that he made several foreign trips sponsored by chawl developer Pravin Raut. It claims that Sanjay Raut arranged Pravin's meetings with developers in Dubai, for which he received kickbacks that were funneled into his wife's bank account.

Raut had ignored two ED summonses for questioning citing Parliament session, the latest being on July 27, hence the raid.

The raid that began at 6 am, was planned over the last few days. "Top officers of the ED in Delhi were involved in the plan, which was shared with its Mumbai office on Saturday night. It included managing Shiv Sainiks if they get unruly. The Mumbai Police was informed on Sunday," said a source requesting anonymity.

Sanjay Raut being taken to the ED office in Mumbai before his detention on Sunday | PTI

Earlier in a day, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray said: "In his Roktok column in *Saamana*, Sanjay Raut raised some serious questions. So, he may be arrested. This is a shameless conspiracy and blatant muzzling of voices."

As for Raut, he saw in the ED's action a larger conspiracy to weaken the Thackeray group. "BJP wants to frame me by misusing Central enforcement agencies. They want to suppress my voice. But I will never join any other party. I will never leave the Shiv Sena and Uddhav Thackeray," Raut told Sainiks outside his house.

Raut's mother and other relatives became emotional as he was taken away by the ED.

EXPRESS READ

Cong suspends three party MLAs caught with cash

New Delhi: The Congress on Sunday suspended three Jharkhand MLAs, who were caught allegedly with a huge amount of cash in Howrah, and accused the BJP of attempting to topple the state government. Party's Jharkhand in-charge Avinash Pande alleged the three were involved in a plot to weaken the party. P10

African national tests negative for monkeypox

Bengaluru: The test report of a middle-aged Ethiopian, who had come to Bengaluru in early July and was suspected to have contracted monkeypox, has returned negative. The report confirmed that it was a case of chickenpox, said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar. P3

JAB-O-METER: July 30 **27,25,226 doses**; July 31 **7,07,050 doses**; TOTAL 2,04,32,276

NATION WIDE	JULY 30	JULY 31	KARNATAKA	JULY 30	JULY 31
Fresh cases	20,408	19,673	Fresh cases	1,886	1,892
Recoveries	20,958	19,336	Recoveries	1242	1,094
Deaths	54	45	Deaths	1	2

At least 14 arrested in nationwide NIA raids

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THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday raided several locations in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra and detained at least 14 people over alleged ties to terrorist organisations, including the notorious Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

In Uttar Pradesh's Deoband town, a madrasa student from Karnataka was arrested from a seminary. The student, Farukh, was allegedly in touch with a module of the Pakistani intelligence agency ISI via a social media app. On June 23, a Rohingya student was arrested from Deoband. In Gujarat, sources said, a joint team of the NIA and Gujarat ATS carried out searches in Bharuch, Surat, Navsari, and Ahmedabad districts during which incriminating documents and material were seized. P7

SEARCHES IN K'TAKA TOO

NIA on Sunday conducted searches in Tumakuru, Bhatkal and Shirguppi of Belagavi district over suspected ISIS links. P7

Bommai, Araga keep close eye on DK situation

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Home Minister Araga Jnanendra have been holding a series of meetings over the past few days with the home secretary, DGP and with other top brass of home and police departments to ensure that the murders of B Mahsood, Pravin Nettaru and Mohammed Fazil in coastal Karnataka do not lead to more "tit-for-tat" bloodbath, as has been warned by some police officers.

The police officers have apprised Bommai and Jnanendra that these killings seem to be unrelated and for revenge. The police have increased security along the coast and other sensitive locations in neighbouring areas. CCTVs, electronic surveillance and other measures, apart from traditional policing, are being used to keep a tight vigil. Bommai and Jnanendra have been monitoring the situation on a day-to-day basis as the police are detaining dozens of people and questioning them.

Jnanendra told TNIE, "We are not addressing the issue superficially, but getting to the root of it. The police are taking great care even during the detention of suspects and separate enclosures have been created." P4

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